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Wesley Harris Collier, Son Of Efford Cobb Collier

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Wesley Harris Collier- wife Tabithia Elizabeth New
Were founding members of Cadiz Baptist Church Bee Co. Texas
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CADIZ BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Cadiz Baptist Church, first known as Lapara Baptist Church, was organized on August 12, 1877, under a tree on land that now belongs to J.H. Coward. Elders A.H. Barber, John East and James Scarborough assisted in the organization. The minutes of that organization show the following members coming by letter: Bro. George Barber, Bro. J.M. Davis, Elder John East, Sister Martha Goynes, Sister F. Johnson, Sister Elizabeth Collier, Sister Susan Dickerson, Bro. C.B. Ferrell, Bro. Edward Hinnen.

Bro. West Collier and Sister Susan Davis came by restoration. The same record shows

the following members came by baptism: Sister M.D. Barber, Sister S.E. Brister, Sister Dollie Dickerson, Sister Michel Ferrell, Bro. Arney Judd, Bro. John Price, Bro. Edwin Sisson, Bro. G.W. Tindol, Sister Susan Tindol, Sister M.J. Turner, Bro. Mark Judd, Sister J.F. Brister, Bro. Buck Cheak, Sister F.A. Ferrell, Bro. W.M. Jenkins, Sister Julia Judd, Sister Sarah Lee, Sister Laura Price, Sister Virginia Sisson, Bro. George Turner, Sister N.C. Turner.

This makes a total of 32 charter members, who worshipped for a time under a brush arbor, and then met in a little red school house.

The church next moved to a point on Lapara Creek near the bluff where there was a permanent pool of water; only the old cemetery remains today. A small church was built, which proved inadequate. The building that is now the sanctuary of the Cadiz Baptist Church

was built by a Mr. Cox.

These pioneer members of the church believed in Christians living exemplary lives; they understood the meaning; and when brother or sister erred, a committee would visit the sinner and plead with him to repent, ask forgiveness and restoration to fellowship in the church. If this council was unheeded, erring one would be excluded from fellowship of the church for an act of misconduct ranging from dancing or drunkenness to adultery. The church ceased this practice many years ago.

In 1920 the church building was moved to present location and the name was changed Cadiz Baptist Church.

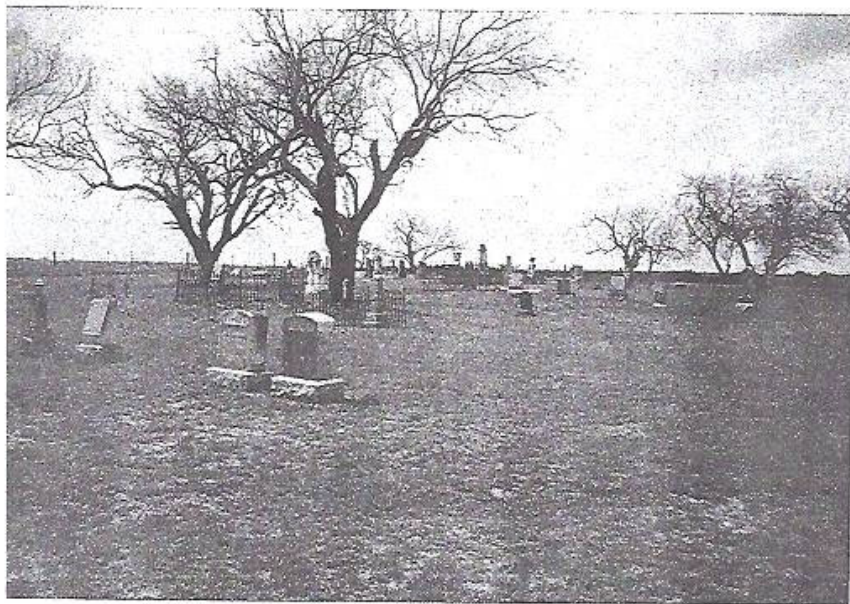
In the 1940's, Dr. Carroll Jones, a strong advocate of stewardship of our lives and possessions, led most of the members to pledge tithe their income. In 1947 a building fund was begun, and two years later, with a gift from the Texas Baptist Rural Church Building Fund, a modernization program was begun which ended with the dedication in 1954 of a debt-free building. Most of the work was done by the membership, who were aided financially by contributions from our friends in Three Rivers, George West and Beeville. An educational unit was added which included Sunday School rooms, a recreation room, kitchen, and restrooms. The sanctuary was remodeled, and new pews, pulpit furniture, and small grand piano was purchased. A copper baptistry was installed; and Mrs. Voyle Sparkman painted the baptistry scene. Later on an organ was bought. Present replacement cost of church property would be approximately \$75,000.

A number of Cadiz young men entered the ministry. Including Ben David, Milton Dunn, Ray Tindol, and Robert Jones. While serving with the U.S. Navy overseas, Chaplain Jones baptized a number of converts into the fellowship of the Cadiz Baptist Church; these families communicated with and sent their tithe even though they never saw the church.

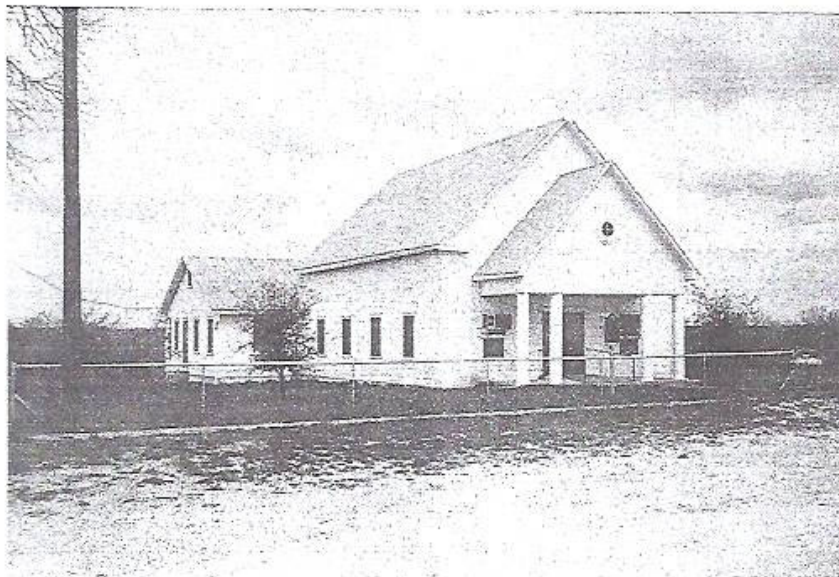
During the late 1950's, Brother Carroll Jones led Cadiz in the Texas Rural Church Achievement Program sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 1958 Cadiz won the second place award, and in 1960 Cadiz was Rural Church of the Year. Also in 1960, in a program jointly sponsored by the Progressive Farmer and Texas A&M College, Brother Jones was named Rural Minister of the Year for Texas.

As the church has grown spiritually through the years, it has been able to make a growing contribution to the total cause of Christ through large gifts to special causes, such as the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Offerings and Billy Graham Crusades.

God has blessed us with material prosperity, and in recent years under the leadership of our present pastor, R.C. Jeanes, Cadiz Baptist Church has been able to contribute \$500 to Good Hope, a struggling sister church, to apply on new pews; \$200 to hurricane victims in Honduras; \$500 to earthquake victims in Guatemala; and \$100 to flood damaged Roosevelt Baptist Church in Utah. Zephyr Baptist Encampment was given \$100 for its recent enlargement program. Since 1976 Cadiz has sent \$25 per month to help support a Campus Crusade worker. For the last three years the church has paid the tuition of a ministerial student attending Howard Payne College, and has voted to continue to support a ministerial



Lapara Cemetery, Cadiz, Texas



Texas to Bee County, Texas).

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robert chapman

on [December 6, 2017 at 3:40 pm](#) said:

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Wesley must have been my grandmother Della Collier Chapman's brother

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on [December 6, 2017 at 3:49 pm](#) said:

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Robert, Have you seen the letters in “Bonanza for Researchers” and “Another Bonanza for Researchers”?

Glen

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